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REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§41.47(b), Appellant respectfully requests an Oral Hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in connection with the appeal in the subject application. The Examiner's answer was mailed on December 9, 2005, and the term for filing the request is two months from that mailing date. A check in the amount of the requisite fee of \$1,000.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.20(b)(3), is enclosed.

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